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## **CaIHFA HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	The CalHFA Housing Assistance Program (CHAP) provides up to 3% of the downpayment assistance needs of eligible homebuyers purchasing a home anywhere in California. The program, which is available for both new construction and existing home sales, consists of two loans:  1. A CalHFA below market rate first mortgage loan, and 2. A deferred-payment second mortgage loan for downpayment assistance. The second loan has a low simple interest rate and a term of 30 years; however, payments on the second loan are deferred for the life of the first loan.  In addition, CalHFA will permit homebuyers to use other CalHFA-approved downpayment assistance loans or grants to help in the acquisition of the home. A list of potential opportunities can be found
TARGET	at: www.calhfa.ca.gov/homeownership/programs/ahpp.htm  This program is intended for low and moderate income first-time
MARKETS	homebuyers anywhere in California.
PARTICIPATING	CalHFA approved Lenders.
LENDERS	www.calhfa.ca.gov/homeownership/approvedlenders/index.htm
BORROWER ELIGIBILITY	<ul> <li>Borrowers must meet the following requirements:</li> <li>Be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident alien or qualified alien</li> <li>Be a first-time homebuyer</li> <li>Occupy the property as their primary residence; non-occupant co-borrowers are not allowed</li> <li>Meet CalHFA-defined income limits</li> <li>Meet credit, income and loan requirements of the CalHFA lender and the mortgage insurer</li> </ul>
PROPERTY	Properties must meet the following requirements:
ELIGIBILITY	<ul> <li>Within CalHFA-defined sales price limits</li> <li>Be a single-family, one-unit residence, including condo/PUDs Manufactured housing is allowed if permanently attached, fee simple title</li> </ul>
TRANSACTION TYPE	Purchase transactions only.
INTEREST RATE	CalHFA offers a unique interest rate for this program. A list of current rates is available by either contacting a CalHFA-approved Lender or visiting the Agency's website at www.calhfa.ca.gov
MAXIMUM LOAN AMOUNT	First loan: Maximum as allowed by mortgage insurer, subject to borrower credit eligibility. Second loan: 3% of the sales price or appraised value, whichever is less.

SALES PRICE LIMITS	Borrower's income cannot exceed CalHFA's income limits established for the county in which the borrower is purchasing. www.calhfa.ca.gov/homeownership/rates-limits/income/index.htm  Sales price of the home cannot exceed CalHFA's published sales price limits. www.calhfa.ca.gov/homeownership/rates-limits/salesprice/index.htm
MORTGAGE INSURANCE	Mortgage insurance is required unless the loan-to-value (LTV) on the first loan is 80% or less. Acceptable mortgage insurers/guarantors include: FHA, VA, & CalHFA's Mortgage Insurance Services Division.
REPAYMENT OF SECOND LOAN	Repayment of the principal and interest on the second loan shall be due and payable at the earlier of the following events:  • Transfer of title  • Sale of the residence  • Payoff or refinance of the first loan  • Upon the formal filing and recording of a Notice of Default (unless rescinded)
HOW TO APPLY	For instructions on applying for financing, contact one of CalHFA's approved Lenders or visit our website at: www.calhfa.ca.gov/homeownership/index.htm
QUESTIONS	Questions regarding the CalHFA Housing Assistance Program should be directed to CalHFA-approved Lenders or the CalHFA's Homeownership Division at:  • 1121 L Street, 7 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814  • Phone: 916.324.8088  • Email: homeownership@calhfa.ca.gov  • Website: www.calhfa.ca.gov

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